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**Re: Phase 2: Facilitator Report**

Dear Members of the Board:

The San Joaquin Tributaries Authority ("SJTA") understands that certain water contractors recently provided the State Water Resources Control Board ("State Water Board") with recommendations regarding the summary report on Phase 2 science workshops that will be authored by facilitator Dr. Brock Bernstein ("Summary Report"). The SJTA supports these recommendations. Specifically, the SJTA agrees it is critical for the Summary Report to identify areas of agreement and disagreement among the information presented. Further, the Summary Report must identify the extent to which evidence is supported by data and describe the general reliability of information presented.

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In addition to the recommendations previously made, the SJTA suggests the Summary Report should also distill the information in terms of potential alternative water quality objectives that the State Water Board may consider adopting. The SJTA understands and appreciates the State Water Board must make the final determination as to whether and how to amend the water quality objectives. However, the SJTA believes the Summary Report will be most helpful to the State Water Board members if it synthesizes the information in context of potential State Water Board action; i.e. which information would support adoption of a percent of unimpaired flow or which information would support adoption of a specific functional flow paired with a program to address other system stressors.

The SJTA looks forward to working with Dr. Bernstein and the State Water Board in developing the Summary Report that benefits the revision of the Water Quality Control Plan.

Very truly yours,

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ALLEN SHORT, Executive Director

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